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Application No.: 09/902,772) Group Art Unit: 1653
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in prior application No. 08/878,177, filed on June 18, 1997, which Applicants rely on for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicants also bring to the attention of the Examiner the following application with a common assignee and request consideration of the application.

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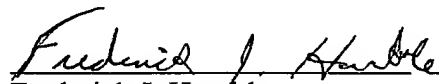
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